

### Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

#### Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method to automatically enter data into a clinical analyzer's operating control system, the data associated with an object to be placed into the clinical analyzer, by providing an object-related identifier in indicia affixed to the object, by reading the indicia, wherein the operating control system ~~adapted to use~~ uses the ~~special symbols~~ object-related identifier to automatically determine where the data are to be stored in the operating control system therein, and wherein the object-related identifier comprises characters selected from the group consisting of %, 0, &, \*, (, }, {, [, ], !, :, and >.
2. (canceled)
3. (canceled) The method of claim 1 wherein the indicia affixed to the object are one-dimensional barcode indicia.
4. (canceled) The method of claim 1 wherein the indicia affixed to the object are two-dimensional matrix indicia.
5. (canceled) The method of claim 1 wherein the special symbols comprise two characters selected from among Hex Code symbols.
6. (canceled) The method of claim 5 wherein the special symbols comprise two characters selected from the group consisting of %, 0, &, \*, (, }, {, [, ], !, :, and >.
7. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the type of object to be placed into the analyzer comprises liquid chemical containers.
8. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the type of object to be placed into the analyzer comprises electro-mechanical components.

9. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the type of object to be placed into the analyzer comprises integrated sensors.